

Tld
466

INFORMATION REPORT INFORMATION REPORT

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Secs. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

COUNTRY Bulgaria REPORT NO. 50X1
SUBJECT Committee for Cultural DATE DISTR. 15 March 1955
Relations Abroad NO. OF PAGES 3
DATE OF INFO. 50X1 REQUIREMENT NO.
PLACE ACQUIRED REFERENCES 50X1
DATE ACQUIRED

SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

SOURCE: 50X1

50X1

LIBRARY SUBJECT AND AREA CODES

3-02-0406 3/55
125.7 20M
103.03 20M (+1)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--------|---|--------|---|-------|---|-------|-----|------|
| STATE # | X | ARMY # | X | NAVY # | X | AIR # | X | FBI # | AEC | 50X1 |
| (Note: Washington distribution indices and distribution by "#".) | | | | | | | | | | |

INFORMATION REPORT INFORMATION REPORT

CONFIDENTIAL**REPORT NO.**

50X1

COUNTRY Bulgaria

50X1

DATE DISTR. 28 Feb. 1955**SUBJECT** Committee for Cultural Relations Abroad**NO. OF PAGES** 2**DATE OF INFORMATION****REFERENCES:**

50X1

PLACE ACQUIRED

50X1

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION**SOURCE**

50X1

1. The offices of the Committee for Cultural Relations Abroad (Komitet za Kulturni Vryski sas Ghuzhbina) were located in a building on the corner of Rakovskiy Street and Boulevard Russkiy in Sofia. This building was a two-story structure, 30x15x10m, and was brick-stuccoed. The Committee had 20 offices in this building and employed 50-60 workers. The chief of the Committee was Rada Todorova, described by source's brother as "a repulsive, pitiless, female, and a typical Communist." Todorova had succeeded Dr. Peter Vutov, a former Bulgarian diplomatic representative in the United States. The Committee was directly subordinate to the Bulgarian Council of Ministers.
2. The Committee invited foreign artists, writers, and scientists to Bulgaria and sent Bulgarian cultural representatives abroad. It also supplied interpreters for visitors and assigned security agents to observe their activities. The State Security (Derzhavna Sigurnost) closely supervised all of the Committee's activities. 50X1
3. [redacted] the wife of the Minister of Food Industries, Khristozov, formerly the Minister of Internal Affairs, reading a "top secret" (strogo sekretno) bulletin. Mrs. Khristozova, who worked with the Committee, told [redacted] this top secret bulletin 50X1 contained important, uncensored news items from the West which had been received from the newspapers, radio, and other sources. According to Mrs. Khristozova, these bulletins were made available only to very high government officials. Mrs. Khristozova, as the wife of the Minister of Food Industries, was allowed to read these bulletins.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

- 2 -

50X1

50X1

This incident with Mrs. Khristozova occurred in June 1953 during the East Berlin riots. Mrs. Khristozova told [redacted] part of the information contained in this bulletin concerned these riots. Source never learned where these bulletins originated or in what manner they were made available to those who were permitted to read them. He believes, however, that these bulletins, which reflected the actual situations and events in the West, served newspaper editors and propaganda chiefs as a basis for contradictory commentary.

CONFIDENTIAL